

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Paul Skwierawski on 06/26/2008.

3. Replace claims 11-12 and 15 with the following:

Claim 11. A policy rule generation method according to claim 10, wherein the storing the job execution condition includes describing a requested complete time of the job as said execution limit condition.

Claim 12. A policy rule generation method according to claim 10, wherein the determining the action which minimizes the evaluated loss amount is executed at all schedule times at which one or more jobs are being executed.

Claim 15. A method for generating policy rules according to claim 14 comprising: storing an action list of possible actions adoptable when an event such as fault occurs, wherein said specific action is designated from said possible actions in said action list.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CAROLINE ARCOS whose telephone number is (571)270-3151. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM.
5. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on 571-272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.
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